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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

DATA AND TIME: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: May 18, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathryn Schultz, Professional Member, President Alison Houck, Professional Member, Secretary Karen Smith, Professional Member John McManus, Professional Member Sarah Patterson, Professional Member Prameela Kaza, Public Member Gary Pippin, Public Member

ABSENT

Judith Scarborough, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General LaTonya Brown, Administrative Specialist II

ALSO PRESENT

Dana Rubenstein, DSCPA

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Schultz called the meeting to order at 9:29 am.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Pippin, to approve the minutes dated February 17, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Re-Review of Applications

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A motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. McManus to table the application of Adnan Palanpurwala. The Board is requesting that on the supervisor's affidavit, the description of work experience be more personalized. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. McManus to table the application of Paul Merab contingent upon submission of page 3 of the application, with the correct supervisor listed. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Review of Combined CPA Certificate and Permit Applications

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve the application of Jon Bloom. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to table the application of Brandon Edwards. The Board is requesting more support regarding the CBC. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve the application of Jinshu Lin. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve the application of Anran Liao. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Ms. Kaza to table the application of Hsuan Pei Ong pending receipt of 150 credit hours. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve the application of Ashika Patel. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve the application of Jocelyn Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve the application of Cheng Luo. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve the application of Renuka Chhatre. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve the application of Jaqueline Nycum. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve the application of Grant Walczak. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to table the application of Chaya Hoschander pending receipt of 150 credit hours. The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve the application of Lee Sausen. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Ms. Kaza, to approve the application of Michael Bowman. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of CPA Permit Applications

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. Pippin, to table the application of Hee Jin Lee. Ms. Lee needs to submit 56 hours of live study. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. Pippin, to approve the application of Rosalind Pratcher. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of PA Permit Applications

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. Pippin, to approve the application of Debora Koch. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Firm Permit to Practice Applications

A motion was made by Ms. Kaza, seconded by Ms. Houck, to approve the application of Malcolm J. Styer, CPA, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Firm Permit/Name Change- Mayor Hoffman McCann. PC.

A motion was made by Ms. Kaza, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the name change for Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. The motion carried unanimously.

Review and Consideration of Hearing Officers Recommendations

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Houck, to approve the consent agreement for Satish Subbaraman. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Houck, to approve the consent agreement of Paul Bastianelli. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Houck, to approve the consent agreement of Augustine Amorighoye. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Mc Manus, seconded by Ms. Houck, to approve the consent agreement of Donald Rice. The motion carried unanimously.

Review and Vote on Substitute Bill for SB 218

The Board discussed the changes for SB 218.

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Pippin to accept the changes and approve the language for SB 218. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Yanchen Fu

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Yanchen Fu sent in an email inquiring if a candidate on maternity is still considered an employee (like Canadian law) and can the period of maternity leave be used towards her CPA experience. The Board stated that the Canadian law does not matter; maternity leave does not count towards the hours required. They can only count the actual hours worked. The Board referred Yanchen Fu to section 5.3 of the Rules and Regulations.

Email from Katie Fesig

Ms. Fesig sent the Board an email requesting guidance to ensure that their CPA firm has the proper business license and permits. She is also inquiring about the type of application that needs to be submitted. The Board referred Ms. Fesig to Section 111(A) of the Rules and Regulations. Mr. Maloney also advised that the Board of Accountancy does not have the authority to issue advisory opinions. Ms. Fesig is free to seek the legal opinion of private counsel as to the applicability of the language of the statute and regulations to her situation.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held May 18, 2016 at 9:00 am in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Kaza, seconded by Mr. McManus, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Specialist II